(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Constraint of resources.

Discontinuation of Token system at Delhi Railway Stations

1310. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the token system was in existance at the reservation counters of New Delhi and Old Delhi Railway Stations for commuters to buy advance reserved tickets;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the token system has been discontinued since the past few months;

(c) if so, the reasons and justifications thereto;

(d) whether the railway ticket seekers have to face now great difficulties and to stand in queue for hours together;

(e) whether Government propose to take action against those who have discontinued the token syttem; and

(f) by when it is to be introduced again?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Token system was in existance in IRCA Reservation Office, Delhi but not in New Delhi and Old Delhi Railway station.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Token system was dicontinued following receipt of complaints of misuse of token by anti-social elements.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Passenger Trains withdrawn in Tamil Nadu

1311. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of passenger trains which have been withdrawn from regular services in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the total distance used to be covered by those trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): In Tamcl Nadu 552/553 Salem-Mettur Dam Passenger and 692/697 Thanjavur-Nagore Passenger covering a distance of 41 kms. and 86 kms. each way respectively, have been cancelled during last 3 years from 1991-92 to 1993-94.

Commercial Exploitation of Railway Land

1312. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to exploit commercially their rights over railway lands/tracks between Delhi and New Delhi and also at Chanakayapuri and Brar Square stations;

(b) whether the provisions of the Delhi Master Plan, which has statutory backing have been considered; and

(c) whether such a decision is not at variance with Gvernment policy of decongesting Delhi and developing, instead, the National Capital Region?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. However, preliminary steps have been taken to determine the potential and feasibility of property development by utilising the airspace over railway land/tracks at Chanakayapuri and New Delhi—Sadar Bazar Railway Station area.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.